

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, Applicant responds as follows:

Drawing Objections

On page 2 of the Action, the Examiner objects to **Figure 7, 9 and 10** as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) for the following reasons:

Figure 7 includes the reference characters **R8-R14** not mentioned in the description;

Figure 9 includes the reference characters **R1-R13** not mentioned in the description; and

Figure 10 includes the reference characters **540** not mentioned in the description.

In response, Applicant has amended the specification, as shown on page 2 herein, by adding the above-referenced characters (included in the drawings, namely **Figure 7, 9 and 10**) to the description, which were previously not mentioned, as suggested by the Examiner, and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's recognition that Claims 1-13 are allowable over the prior art of record.

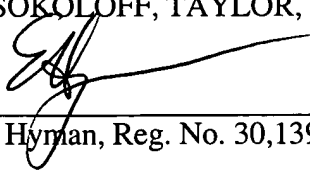
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims, drawings and specification, now pending, are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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